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Police advance on demonstrators who were protesting the death of George Floyd while in police custody Saturday night in Minneapolis. More photos can be found at TwinCities.com.

Authorities gain upper hand

Pioneer Press

State and city officials urged Twin Cities residents to stay off their cities' streets Saturday, the second night of a curfew intended to quell violence that has erupted this week after the death of George Floyd.

Minneapolis — hit hard Friday night with fires and unrest — braced for another dangerous night but with a heavier National Guard presence in the city.

Gov. Tim Walz said earlier in the day that he was taking the unprecedented action of fully mobilizing the National Guard.

Addressing the media at 10:30 p.m., Walz and Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard, said the difference between Saturday night and previous nights was striking — but they cautioned that the night was young.

"We know it's gonna be a long night," Walz said of the fourth evening of civil unrest. "It's early still."

Authorities said a number of arrests had been made early in the evening for curfew violations, but no further details were available.

In St. Paul on Saturday night, police worked to keep an estimated 1,000 people from crossing the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge into the city. Police said they used tear gas, moved in to arrest people and protesters ran away.

Officials said Saturday that the looting and arson has been fueled by outsiders who came to Minnesota intent on using the protests over Floyd's death

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St. Paul businesses prepare for the worst

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Using plywood boards purchased in a hurry and more donated by Penumbra Theatre, Tetra Constantino and five volunteers calmly but resolutely boarded up Elsa's House of Sleep, his University Avenue furniture store.

Like many small businesses across St. Paul, Constantino prayed for the best while prepping for the worst Saturday.

During the riots Thursday night, Constantino approached teens congregating in the alley

ST. PAUL BUSINESSES, 6A

Review: 97% of state's COVID-19 fatalities had other illnesses

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Most of the nearly 1,000 Minnesotans who've died from COVID-19 over the past two months were already fighting serious illnesses before they were infected with the coronavirus.

Kris Ehresmann, director of the Minnesota Department of Health infectious disease division, said Thursday that about 97 percent of those who died had underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of a serious COVID-19 infections.

A Pioneer Press review of more than 850 death records — all those available by Wednesday — found lung, heart and neurological diseases were the most common aliments patients also were struggling with when they died. Kidney disease and diabetes were also often noted by doctors and pathologists who recorded patients' deaths.

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